

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE Y		PAGE OF PAGES 1 4	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0002		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 18-May-2007		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY US ARMY RDECOM ACQ CTR - W911NF 4300 S. MIAMI BLVD DURHAM NC 27703		CODE W911NF		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) See Item 6			
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W911NF-07-R-0010			
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 10-May-2007			
				10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.			
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)			
CODE		FACILITY CODE					
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of offer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended.							
<p>Offer must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods:</p> <p>(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.</p>							
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)							
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.							
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.							
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(B).							
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:							
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)							
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.							
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) See continuation pages.							
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.							
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)				16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)			
				TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____			
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR		15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		16C. DATE SIGNED	
(Signature of person authorized to sign)				BY _____		18-May-2007	
				(Signature of Contracting Officer)			

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The purpose of this amendment is to: (1) change the proposal due date; (2) change the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code; and (3) modify Section L titled, "Instructions, Conditions and Notices to Bidders. Therefore, the following changes are hereby incorporated:

1. The proposal due date for the above noted solicitation is changed from 04:00 pm EDT 11 June 2007 to 18 June 2007.
2. The NAICS code is changed from 541710 titled, "Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences" to 541611 titled "Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services".
3. Sub-Section L.14 titled, "Questions and Answers (Q&A) is added: All Government responses to questions asked by potential offerors will be addressed in this section.

Question 1: Is a teaming bid in which a large firm acts as prime contractor acceptable?

Answer 1: The Government has made a determination that this requirement will be set-aside for small business concerns. Therefore, the prime contractor shall be a small business and shall perform at least 51% of the required work.

Question 2: Will you accept a bid on one part of the RFP?

Answer 2: No. The Government intends to select one offeror for award. The Government will take no action concerning partial or incomplete proposals that fail to meet the requirements set forth in the solicitation.

Question 3: My question relates to the apparent overlap between the role of the contractor and the Technical Point of Contact (TPOC). Such an overlap could potentially lead to conflict, if the contractor is providing guidance which the TPOC may believe to be his/her unique jurisdiction. Can you clarify where the line is drawn between the TPOC's responsibilities and that of the contractor with respect to technical guidance?

Answer 3: The Contracting Officer Representative (COR), who is often referred to at the TPOC, is the Government technical expert/monitor for the project and he/she handles a litany of administrative and technical requirements between the Government and Small Business contractors participating in the SBIR program. The new support contractor will provide technical assistance to the small business in the form of expert analysis and advice. The contractor's advice to the small business is not directive or instructive to the execution of the SBIR contract, but is advisory in nature.

Question 4: We understand the Army changed the NAICS code for SBIR Administrative Program Management Support Services from 541611 - Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services to 541710 - Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering and Life Sciences. Could you please explain to us why this change was made? It is our understanding that the required support is essentially program management. What Research & Development work is contemplated as part of this contract?

Answer 4: Based on further analysis, amendment 0002 was issued (in part) to change the NAICS designation to the original 541611 - Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services. This is a diverse Performance Work Statement. NAICS designation of 541611 most accurately represents the solicited work. While many of the tasks include support to research and development efforts, to include provision of "technical assistance services to small business concerns engaged in SBIR projects" and the delivery of research and development plans, the primary purpose and the preponderance of the work should not be interpreted as primary engagement in conducting research and experimental development (per NAICS 541710). The defined objective in the RFP is for the offeror to "provide RDECOM support in planning, managing, coordinating, and executing the Army SBIR... programs."

Question 5: The solicitation provides an estimate of 33,317 hours for the first year of this effort. Based on a full-time billable man-year of 1,880 hours, this would mean that the government is looking for almost eighteen (18) people per year to staff the seven tasks as part of this Army SBIR effort ($33,317 / 1880 = 17.721$ man years). Can you confirm:

- a) The hours that are estimated for each task area, provided in the solicitation
- b) That the government is looking for vendors to bid the equivalent of 18 people for this effort.

Answer 5: The RFP includes estimated labor hours for completion of each CLIN based on a Government Independent Estimate of the effort required to complete the work. Each CLIN aligns with one of the seven (7) tasks described in the Statement of Work. The Government has not stipulated or estimated the required number of personnel to complete the work. Among the information required in the proposal are: 1) a Staffing Plan to Accomplish the SOW, and 2) Cost information supporting CLINs 0001 through 0035 to include a schedule showing total proposed hours summarized by labor skill mix per CLIN.

Question 6: The solicitation states that the incumbent contractor is BRTRC. Can the government provide clarification for which of the seven tasks in the solicitation that the incumbent is currently performing, and what tasks (or parts of the tasks) in the solicitation are new initiatives not currently performed by the incumbent?

Answer 6: The incumbent is currently performing work similar to Tasks 1-3, 6, and 7. Tasks 4 and 5 represent wholly new work.

Question 7: PWS 3.1.2.1 states "Maintain and house the two (2) SQL Servers and two (2) Microsoft IIS web servers provided as Government Furnished Equipment." . . . It is understood that the servers are currently housed at the BRTRC facility and will be physically moved to the new contractor facility upon contract award. What is the current configuration of each server? Are there plans to upgrade the servers at this time?

Answer 7: There is no plan to upgrade the servers at this time. Webserver 2 and SQL Server 2 are utilized as the production environment. Webserver 1 and SQL Server 1 are not normally in operation, or are used for development purposes. The four servers are configured as stated below:

Webserver 1

Gateway 960 Series quad 2.0GHz XEON processors, 2GB RAM
Physical drives = 3 x 36 GB drives in a RAID 5 configuration
Drive partitioning = C drive - 9 GB, D drive - 60 GB
Operating System - Windows 2000 Server

Webserver 2

DELL PowerEdge 2950 Dual Intel Dual Core Xeon 3.00GHz processors, 2GB RAM
Physical drives = 3 x 146 GB drives in a RAID 5 configuration
Drive partitioning = C drive - 30 GB, D drive - 240 GB
Operating System - Windows Server 2003

SQL Server 1

Gateway 960 Series quad 2.0GHz XEON processors, 1GB RAM
Physical drives = 3 x 18 GB drives in a RAID 5 configuration
Drive partitioning = C drive - 9 GB, D drive - 25 GB
Operating System - Windows 2000 Server

SQL Server 2

DELL PowerEdge 2950 Dual Intel Dual Core Xeon 3.00GHz processors, 2GB RAM
Physical drives = 3 x 146 GB drives in a RAID 5 configuration
Drive partitioning = C drive - 30 GB, D drive - 240 GB
Operating System - Windows Server 2003

Question 8: PWS 3.1.2.1 states "Maintain internet connectivity with appropriate bandwidth to ensure efficient and secure access by Government and industry users." . . . What is the bandwidth currently available to the Army SBIR systems? Is it a dedicated circuit?

Answer 8: The current systems operate on a non-dedicated DS3 "T3 line" = 45 Mbps of throughput.

Question 9: PWS 3.1.2.1 - The PWS states "Maintain and house the two (2) SQL Servers and two (2) Microsoft IIS web servers provided as Government Furnished Equipment." . . . What are the specifications of the (4) four servers (hardware/software configuration)?

Answer 9: See Answer 7.

Question 10: PWS 3.1.2.1 - The PWS states "The contractor shall ensure the information system meets all Government requirements for a full DoD Information Technology Security Certification & Accreditation Process (DITSCAP) or Department of Defense Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process (DIACAP) Authority to Operate (ATO)" . . .

Does the current system meet these requirements?

Answer 10: The current system has a full DITSCAP Authority to Operate.

Question 11: PWS 3.1.2.2 - The PWS states "Establish and achieve successful appraisal of software development processes in accordance with Software Engineering Institute (SEI) Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) level 3 or equivalent." . . . Does the current system meet the CMMI Level 3 requirements? If not, what is the targeted date to establish CMMI Level 3 equivalence?

Answer 11: CMMI appraisals (or equivalent) are normally applicable to organizations and processes, not systems. The current Army SBIR Management Portal was not developed, nor is it being currently maintained utilizing CMMI processes. No plan is currently in place to establish or achieve CMMI appraisals under the current contract.

Question 12: PWS 3.1.2.5 - The PWS states "Maintain a currently established public website (www.armysbir.com) with accurate, timely, and relevant program information, in accordance with all applicable Government, Department of Defense (DoD), and Army policies and procedures." . . . Are the web sites 508 compliant? If not, is 508 compliance a goal/requirement?

Answer 12: Our current web sites are 508 compliant.

Question 13: Section H.2, Item 3 - Time and Materials Rate: Will you be amending the solicitation to include Attachment V?

Answer 13: The offeror is required to provide a breakout of their fully burdened direct labor rates per CLIN per Year per direct labor category in a schedule (Attachment V). The Government is allowing potential offerors the flexibility to effectively configure their workforce structure for successful completion of the required tasks delineated in the solicitation with minimum Government oversight.

Question 14: In Section L.8 (b) Cost Volume (6) Direct Labor Rate, you request that the Offeror shall provide the basis for developing the fully burdened T&M rate for each labor category for each year. It is our intention to provide a proposal using our GSA MOBIS rates, as the prior contract was also awarded on a GSA contract. Our GSA rates were based on Commercial Sales Practices, not cost elements, and therefore this information does not exist. In accordance with FAR 52.215-20 (a) (ii) (C), Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data or Information Other than Cost or Pricing Data (Oct 1997) Exceptions from Cost and Pricing Data "For items included on an active Federal Supply Service Multiple Award Schedule Contract, proof that an exception has been granted for the schedule item." Please confirm that this exception applies to this requirement for cost data in this solicitation.

Answer 14: If you are proposing fully burden direct labor rates from a current Federal Supply Schedule contract that has been negotiated by the General Service Administration (contracts department) then no further cost analysis or cost review will be performed, as long as the escalation factor (for the out years) is consistent with the acceptable rate for the geographical region in which your company resides.

(End of Summary of Changes)